

*West Virginia Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.
Glade Springs Hotel and Conference Resort
Daniels, West Virginia 25832*

Members Present:

**Robin Perdue, Co-Chair
Kevin Outterson
Keith Huffman
Peggy King
Ann Stottlemeyer
Felice Joseph
Dr. Wayne Spiggle**

Absent:

**Shana Phares, Co-Chair
Nancy Atkins
Stephen Neal
Heather Bresch
Charles L. Burdette**

Others Present:

See Attached Register

Attending the meeting as a representative for Heather Bresch of Mylan Laboratories was Leah Summers.

Robin Perdue called the meeting to order. Members of the Council had previously been emailed copies of the minutes from the meeting of August 12, 2004. Peggy King made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Dr. Wayne Spiggle; motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Perdue turned the meeting over to Dr. Wayne Spiggle. Dr. Spiggle read the first four paragraphs of the Subcommittee's recommendations and then opened the floor for questions/discussion.

Questions were asked about the Central Fill Pharmacy (CFP) fiscal note and how the CFP would operate. Dr. Spiggle explained that it would be a warehouse built somewhere in West Virginia with a pharmacist in charge. He said the logical place to start would be in a location that is already working (New River Health Association) and build on that model. Doctors would receive guidelines or referrals from agencies such as senior services and the prescriptions would be written by the treating physician. The CFP would confirm eligibility and the patient should be able to get a prescription in 1-2 days. There would be one form to fill out, not hundreds.

A motion was made by Kevin Outterson to amend the first paragraph to read: "If the Legislature wants to accept "RxforWV" as the State program, the Council recommends that it be placed in the Department of Administration." Dr. Spiggle seconded; motion carried unanimously.

In the ensuing discussion about this motion, questions were asked about why the decision was made to place RxforWV within the Department of Administration and have the Department been consulted about its possible placement. Ann Stottlemeyer said this decision was made

because of the computer technology involved in RxforWV and the state agency that oversees computer technology (IS&C) is housed in the Department of Administration. Ms. Perdue said they were aware that if adopted this program would be housed within their agency.

The second paragraph is okay as written. The third paragraph was changed to read: "This Central Fill Pharmacy, which will also operate as a clearinghouse, would be located in West Virginia and be the place where clients may be financially qualified and linked to the most appropriate program that affords the individual's medication needs." A motion was made by Kevin Outterson to change the 4th paragraph to read: "For example, when those needs cannot be met by the Central Fill Pharmacy, the clearinghouse would refer patients to local advocacy groups that link eligible persons to company specific prescription assistance programs." Felice Joseph seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

After a short break Ms. Perdue reconvened the meeting and turned the floor over to Kevin Outterson because of his need to leave the meeting early. Mr. Outterson stated that his co-chair, Shana Phares, had to return to Charleston and they would be unable to present the Reference Pricing Subcommittee report. He stated that this report will be posted on the website and he would appreciate it very much if folks would review and provide Shana (via email or by phone) with their comments as quickly as possible. They will review this report at the next Council meeting on September 9th.

The meeting was then turned back over to Dr. Spiggle to continue discussion of the Discount Subcommittee report. A motion was made by Ann Stottlemeyer to further amend paragraph 4 to read as follows: "For example, when those needs cannot be met by the Central Fill Pharmacy, the clearinghouse would refer patients to local advocacy groups that link eligible persons to other options." Leah Summers seconded; the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Spiggle then proceeded to read word for word through the report. The word clearinghouse was removed from the first bulleted item on page 1 of the report. On page 2 under Rationale the word agency was replaced with office. The first sentence of the next paragraph was changed to read: "It follows that the state prescription drug assistance program should be housed in this office."

On page 4 Ms. Stottlemeyer explained that item 3, a fiscal note to establish the office of chief pharmaceutical advocate, needed to be removed from the report. Ann says this does not need to be done at this time as it is not required in the report due by September 1 and will not be part of the report submitted. At the conclusion of the reading Dr. Spiggle opened the floor for questions/comments.

Philip Reale questioned whether on page 2 under Rationale if the word agency should be changed to office since most cabinet level appointees who report to the Governor are referred to

as offices. Ms. Stottlemeyer stated that is not always the case as she is a cabinet level appointee and her office is referred to as a Bureau. The word agency shall remain. On page 3, item (c.), Mr. Reale feels this statement is inaccurate as a 4-6 week delay is not always the case. A motion was made by Dr. Spiggle to add the word often to the first sentence. This now reads: "There is often a 4-6 week delay in getting the medication to the patient through the standard model". The motion was seconded by Ann Stottlemeyer; the motion carried unanimously. On page 3, item (f.), the 2nd sentence reads: "The PhRMA model is located in Idaho." This sentence will be deleted and in the next sentence better will be changed to good to read: "It is good public policy to keep our human services in the state and not outsource them to other places." The last bulleted item on page 2 that reads: So far, there is no evidence that the PhRMA tools are preferred over other, more commonly used ways to access PAPs", has been deleted.

A motion was made by Ann Stottlemeyer to accept the report with corrections; seconded by Kevin Outterson. Dr. Spiggle also made a motion to replace the Rxfor WV Pharmacy Assistance Program and the Pill-for-Pill (Bulk) Product Replenishment Process flow charts with the flow charts that appeared in the Sunday (August 22nd) Charleston Gazette-Mail. Motion was seconded by Ann Stottlemeyer; motion carried unanimously. It was noted that credit should be given to the Sunday Gazette Mail when reproducing this information.

Ms. Stottlemeyer then discussed the RxforWV fiscal note. She noted that the \$438,000 figure for the call center for the toll-free number was calculated using contract employees and not state employees. She also stated that there are some concerns over exactly what West Virginia will be getting if they take over the website. She suggested to Mr. Reale that he review Mary Beth Dill's memorandum and provide their subcommittee with comments on the technology report as well as the fiscal note.

A motion was made earlier by Ann Stottlemeyer and seconded by Kevin Outterson to accept the report with corrections, but the Council failed to vote. A vote was taken and this time and the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Perdue announced that the Reference Pricing and Purchasing subcommittees would not be meeting this afternoon. The next meeting of the West Virginia Pharmaceutical Cost Management Council will be held on September 9th in the Governor's Press Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.